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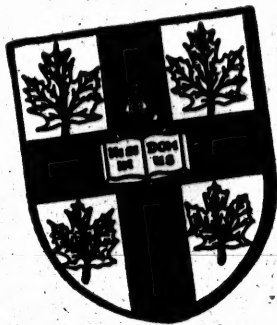
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Pastoral Letter.

TO THE CLERGY AND LAITY OF THE DIOCESE
OF TORONTO.

MY DEAR BRETHREN,

Having been prevented, by necessary absence in England, from holding the Triennial Visitation of my clergy last summer, I have appointed Thursday, the first day of May next (God willing), for the discharge of this important duty.

My clergy will, therefore, be pleased to assemble in the Church of the Holy Trinity, in their full robes, on that day.

The service to commence at 11, a. m.

It has been suggested, and even pressed upon me, by many of the most pious and respectable members of our communion, both lay and clerical, that the Church, now so numerous in Canada West, ought to express her opinion, as a body, on the posture of her secular affairs, when an attempt is again making by her enemies to despoil her of the small remainder of her property, which has been set apart and devoted to sacred purposes during sixty years; and that it is not only her duty to protest against such a manifest breach of public faith, but to take such steps as may seem just and reasonable to avert the same.

Having taken this suggestion into serious consideration, and believing it not only founded in wisdom, but, in the present crisis of the temporalities of the Church, absolutely necessary, I hereby request every clergyman of my Diocese to invite the members of his mission or congregation, being regular communicants, to select one or two of their number, to accompany him to the Visitation.

For the sake of order, it is requested that such lay members be furnished with certificates, from their minister or churchwardens, that they have been duly appointed, to entitle them to take part in the proceedings which may take place subsequent to the Visitation.

It is expected that such missions or congregations as accede to this invitation, will take measures to defray the necessary expenses incurred by their clergymen and representatives in their attendance on this duty, which will be strictly confined to the consideration of the temporal affairs and position of the Church.

I remain, my dear Brethren,
Your affectionate Diocesan,
JOHN TORONTO.

Toronto, 2nd April, 1851.

Minutes of Proceedings

AT THE VISITATION OF THE LORD BISHOP OF TORONTO,

**HELD IN THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, TORONTO, ON
THE 1st AND 2nd OF MAY, 1851.**

**THURSDAY, MAY 1, 1851, the Festival of St. Philip and
St. James.**

This being the day appointed by the Lord Bishop of Toronto, in his Pastoral Letter, dated 2nd of April, 1851, for the holding of the Triennial Visitation, there was Divine Service at the Church of the Holy Trinity, Toronto, at Eleven o'clock, A. M.

Prayers were said by the Rev. E. Denroche, A.M., Incumbent of St. Peter's Church, Brockville; the Lessons were read by the Rev. Saltern Givins, Incumbent of St. Jude's Church, Oakville, and Rural Dean of the Midland Deanery; the ante-Communion Service was read by the Venerable Archdeacon of York, the Rev. Saltern Givins reading the Epistle; the Sermon was preached by the Rev. W. M. Herchmer, M.A., Chaplain to the Lord Bishop, from the 2nd chapter of Malachi, 7th verse; Holy Communion was administered by the Lord Bishop, the Ven. the Archdeacon of Kingston, the Ven. the Archdeacon of York, and the Rev. H. J. Grasett, Domestic Chaplain to the Lord Bishop.

Divine Service being ended, the Lord Bishop stated that he would deliver his Charge at Three o'clock.

Three o'clock.

The clergy and the lay representatives from their several missions or congregations whom they had invited, at the request of the Lord Bishop, to accompany them to this Visitation, having taken their places in the Church,

The names of the Clergy were called over by the Rev. H. J. Grasett, Chaplain to the Lord Bishop; when the following clergymen answered to their names:—

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| H. J. Grasett, M.A., Rector, Toronto. | Adam Elliott, Grand River Ind. Miss. |
| Ed. Baldwin, M.A., Assistant Minister,
St. James's Church, Toronto. | John Kennedy, Grand River, Ind. Miss. |
| J. G. D. McKensie, B.A., Incumbent
of St. Paul's Church, Toronto. | Thos. Greene, A.B., Rector, Wellington
Square. |
| Ed. Mitchels, M.A., Incumbent of Tri-
nity Church, Toronto. | M. Boomer, A.B., Galt. |
| Stephen Lett, L.L.D., Incumbent of St.
George's Church, Toronto. | C. Ruttan, Paris. |
| Henry Scadding, M.A., Incumbent of
the Church of the Holy Trinity,
Toronto. | S. Givins, Oakville, <i>Rural Dean</i> . |
| W. Stennett, M.A., Assist. Min. Church
of the Holy Trinity, Toronto. | D. Fraser, Georgetown. |
| H. C. Cooper, B.A., Rector, Etobicoke. | Geo. Graham, Nassagaweya. |
| A. Sanson, Rector, York Mills. | R. N. Merritt, Travelling Missionary
Gore District. |
| D. E. Blake, A.B., Rector, Thornhill. | A. Palmer, A.B., Rector, Guelph, <i>Ru-
ral Dean</i> . |
| H. B. Oaler, Lloydtown. | J. W. Marsh, B.A., Elora. |
| W. G. Tucker, M.A., Chinguacousy. | A. H. R. Mulholland, Owen's Sound. |
| R. J. Macgeorge, Streetsville. | Thos. Green, Rector, Niagara. |
| John Gibson, Georgina. | W. David, M.A., <i>Acting</i> , Grimsby. |
| R. Garrett, Brook. | A. F. Atkinson, Rector, St. Catharines. |
| G. S. J. Hill, Rector, Markham. | R. Shanklin, Assistant, St. Catharines. |
| J. Pentland, A.B., Whitby. | A. Dixon, B.A., Rector, Louth. |
| W. S. Darling, Scarboro'. | W. Leeming, Rector, Chippawa. |
| Thos. W. Marsh, B.A., Pickering. | C. L. Ingles, B.A., Assist. Chippawa. |
| S. B. Ardsgh, A.M., Rector, Barrie. | T. B. Fuller, Rector, Thorold, <i>Rural
Dean</i> . |
| Garrett Nugent, Assistant, Barrie. | Elliott Grasett, M.A., Rector, Port
Erie. |
| F. L. Oaler, M.A., Tecumseth, <i>Rural
Dean</i> . | A. Townley, Port Maitland. |
| A. Hill, B.A., West Gwillimbury. | Bold C. Hill, A.M., Grand River. |
| Geo. Bourn Orillia. | W. C. Clarke, Travelling Missionary,
Niagara District. |
| Geo. Hallen, B.A., Penetanguishene. | R. Cronyn, M.A., Rector, London,
<i>Rural Dean</i> . |
| John Fletcher, A.B., Mono. | C. C. Brough, A.B., Rector, London
Township. |
| J. G. Geddes, B.A., Rector, Hamilton. | M. Burnham, B.A., Rector, St. Thomas. |
| J. L. Alexander, Saltfleet. | A. Mortimer, Rector, Adelaide. |
| Wm. McMurray, A.M., Rector, An-
caster and Dundas. | R. Flood, A.M., Rector, Caradoc. |
| W. Belt, Assistant Minister, Ancaster
and Dundas. | T. B. Read, Port Burwell. |
| J. C. Usher, Rector, Brantford. | Hy. Holland, Tyrconnell. |
| Abm. Nelles, Grand River Indian Mis-
sion. | G. C. Street, Port Stanley. |
| | E. L. Ellwood, A.M., Rector, Goderich. |
| | Archd. Lampman, Travelling Mission-
ary, Huron District. |

- F. Mack, Rector, Amherstburg.
 F. G. Elliott, Colchester.
 R. C. Boyer, B.A., Mersea.
 F. W. Sandys, Rector, Chatham.
 J. G. R. Salter, Moore.
 F. Evans, Rector, Simcoe, *Rural Dean*.
 J. Gunne, Dawn.
 E. R. Stimson, Travelling Missionary,
 Talbot District.
 W. Bettbridge, B.D., Rector, Woodstock.
 A. St. Geo. Caulfield, A.B., Burford.
 H. Revell, A.B., Oxford.
 F. D. Fauquier, Zorra.
 A. N. Bethune, D.D., Rector, Cobourg,
Archdeacon.
 Alex. MacNab, D.D., Rice Lake.
 John Wilson, Grafton.
 W. Bleasdel, A.M., Port Trent.
 E. C. Bower, Seymour.
 W. Logan, Cartwright.
 Jonathan Shortt, Rector, Port Hope.
 Samuel Armour, Rector, Cavan.
 T. S. Kennedy, Rector, Clarke and
 Darlington.
 R. J. C. Taylor, Rector, Peterborough.
 Robert Harding, Emily.
 George O'Kill Stuart, D.D., Rector,
Archdeacon, Kingston.
 W. Herchmer, M.A., Assistant Minister
 St. George's Church, Kingston.
 R. V. Rogers, Incumbent of St. James's
 Church, Kingston.
 H. Brent, Incumbent of St. Mark's
 Church, Kingston.
 H. Mulkins, Chaplain to the Provincial
 Penitentiary.
 E. Patterson, Portsmouth.
 P. Shirley, Loughborough.
 W. F. S. Harper, Rector, Bath.
 W. B. Lauder, Rector, Napanee.
 J. Flood, Rector, Richmond.
- T. W. Allen, Travelling Missionary,
 Midland District.
 J. Grier, A.M., Rector, Belleville, *Rural Dean*.
 G. A. Anderson, Mohawk Indian Mission.
 Thomas Bousfield, Assistant Minister,
 Picton.
 J. R. Tooke, Marysburgh.
 J. MacIntyre, Orillia.
 R. G. Cox, Travelling Missionary,
 Prince Edward District.
 M. Harris, A.M., Rector, Perth, *Rural Dean*.
 Alexander Pyne, A.B., Rector, Carleton Place.
 J. W. Padfield, Rector, Franktown.
 S. S. Strong, Bytown.
 E. Denroche, A.M., Brookville.
 W. H. Gunning, A.B., Rector, Lamb's
 Pond.
 J. B. Worrell, Smith's Falls.
 F. Tremayne, Travelling Missionary,
 Johnstown District.
 Robert Blakey, Rector, Prescott.
 E. Morris, Merriekville.
 H. MacAlpin, Rector, Kemptville.
 N. Watkins, Travelling Missionary,
 Johnstown District.
 Hy. Patton, Rector, Cornwall, *Rural Dean*.
 R. Rolph, Osnabruck.
 E. J. Boswell, Rector, Williamsburgh.
 H. E. Pies, travelling Missionary Co.
 of Dundas.
 J. T. Lewis, A.B., West Hawkesbury.
- Superannuated*: Rev. V.P. Mayerhoffer.
Visitors: Rev. Jas. Beaven, D.D., Rev.
 T. H. Barrow, Rev. John Hebdon.

The Lord Bishop, having desired the clergy and lay representatives to be seated, delivered his charge.

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The Charge being ended, the lay representatives from

the several parishes or missions were desired to come forward, and hand in their credentials to the Lord Bishop's Chaplain; which, having been done, the clergy were desired to occupy the right side of the Church, and the laity the left.

His Lordship then addressed the assembly, as follows:

REV. GENTLEMEN AND GENTLEMEN,—

I remarked in my Pastoral Letter, that the business to be brought under your consideration would be confined to the temporal affairs and position of the Church; and I trust that you will allow me to exercise the privileges which belong to me, on such occasions, without comment or offence.

These are: that in all Diocesan meetings of the clergy, over which the Bishop presides, no proceeding shall be introduced without his previous sanction, nor be considered carried without his approval.

This much being premised, I have to state that the business which I have to bring before you at this time, may be conveniently comprised in the form of two questions:

1. Shall we, the Church of the Diocese of Toronto, take any steps to protect her property and endowments?

2. Shall we, the Church of the Diocese of Toronto, apply for permission from the Crown, to hold Diocesan Synods or Convocations?

Should both questions be answered in the affirmative, I would then propose the following course of proceeding, as appearing to me the most convenient:

In regard to the first, we should petition the three branches of the Imperial Parliament to protect our endowments, and secure them, for ever, to the sacred purposes for which they were set apart.

We should petition the three branches of the Colonial Legislature against disturbing the 3rd and 4th Vic., chap. 78; and should deprecate the continuance of the intolerable injustice of having to contend against Roman Catholic votes upon questions embracing the confiscation of Church property, as tending to breed a religious rancour that can never

be appeased, till all such property in both Provinces shall be swept away; a result which the petitioners would earnestly deplore, and which they seek by this solemn protest and warning to avert.

We should also petition the Colonial Legislature for separate schools, wherever they may be required; as the Church has the same right to this privilege as the Roman Catholics, or any other denomination, and which cannot be refused without manifest injustice.

In regard to the second question, if decided in the affirmative, the most expedient and proper method of proceeding will be, to petition Her Majesty the Queen, through His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury, for leave to hold Diocesan Synods,—a copy of the petition to be at the same time forwarded through His Excellency the Governor-General, Earl Elgin, to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies. And here I notice a ground of encouragement: the Australian Colonies, with fewer Church members and clergy than this single Diocese contains, are at this very moment soliciting some such measure as we have in contemplation.

I have only to add, that should this assembly agree to the course of proceeding which I have ventured to suggest, there would be no necessity for detaining the members after the two questions had been solemnly decided, as a committee may be appointed to draw up the required documents, under the sanction and approbation of the Bishop, and to forward them to their several destinations.

His Lordship then requested the meeting to appoint two Secretaries,—one clergyman, and one layman.

It was moved by the Rev. S. S. STRONG, of Bytown, seconded by the Rev. M. HARRIS, A.M., Rector, Perth, and Rural Dean of the Bathurst District,

"That the Rev. J. G. GEDDES, B.A., Rector, Hamilton, be requested to act as Secretary; on behalf of the clergy, at this meeting."—*Carried.*

Moved by GEO. CRAWFORD, Esq., of Brockville, seconded by Dr. MEWBURN, of Stamford,

"That Dr. BOVELL be appointed Secretary, on behalf of the laity."—*Carried.*

His LORDSHIP then proposed two questions for the decision of the meeting :

1st. Shall we, the Church of the Diocese of Toronto, take any steps to protect her property and endowments ?

Which was answered in the affirmative.

2nd. Shall we, the Church of the Diocese of Toronto, apply for permission from the Crown to hold Diocesan Synods or Convocations ?

Which was also answered in the affirmative.

The meeting was then adjourned to the following day (Friday,) at Ten o'clock, to meet for prayers at the Church of the Holy Trinity; after which, his Lordship dismissed the assembly with his benediction.

FRIDAY, May 2, 1851.

Prayers were said by the Rev. S. S. STRONG, of Bytown the Rev. JOHN WILSON, of Grafton, reading the Lessons.

The LORD BISHOP took the chair.

The names of the lay representatives were called over by Thomas Champion, Esq., acting as Lay Secretary to the Lord Bishop, from the certificates presented the previous day, as follows :

Toronto :		Thornhill.....	{ Dr. Paget.
St. James's.....	{ Hon. J. Gordon.	Lloydtown	{ Mr. Marsh.
	{ J. H. Hagarty.	Toronto Township	{ Arth. Armstrong.
B. Paul's.....	{ Alex. Murray.		{ Capt. J. B. Harris.
	{ W. V. Bacon.	Chinguacousy.....	{ J. Magrath.
Trinity.....	{ W. Gooderham.		{ J. W. Gamble.
	{ H. A. Joseph.	Streetsville	{ F. M. Chaffee.
St. George's ...	{ John Arnold.		{ Wm. Birdsall.
	{ J. Bovell, M.D.	Newmarket.....	{ W. H. Patterson.
Holy Trinity ...	{ J. W. Brent.		{ William Gamble.
	{ E. G. O'Brien.		{ Wm. March, St.
	{ W. J. Gamble, St.	Scarborough	{ Jude's and St.
Etobicoke	{ Geo., Etobicoke;		{ Paul's;
	{ E. C. Scarlet, St.		{ J. Taber, Christ
	{ Philip's, Weston.		{ Church.

Pickering.....	James Peters.	Chatham	Dunc. McGregor.
Barrie	{ D. McCarthy.	Simcoe.....	{ Dr. Covernton.
West Gwillimbury	{ S. M. Sanford.		{ Edw. Gilman.
York Mills	{ Herbt. Mortimer.	Woodstock	{ E. Deedes.
Orillia	{ Francis Neale.		{ Henry Finkle.
	{ D. G. Hewett.	Burford	{ J. Smith.
Hamilton.....	{ J. Drinkwater.		{ T. Wallace.
	{ Sir A. N. McNab.	Zorra	{ C. Caistor.
Ancaster	{ Miles O'Reilly.	Cobourg	{ Hon. G. S. Boulton.
	{ J. Regan, Ancas-		{ A. A. Burnham.
	{ ter; A. T. Kerby,	Rice Lake	{ Wm. Falkener.
	{ Dundas.		{ A. Haywood.
Brantford	{ Henry Racey.		{ J. D. Cameron.
	{ John Kerby.	Port Trent	{ R. M. Boucher.
Grand Br'r Indians	{ G. Wm. Johnson.		{ William Shea.
Wellington Square	{ A. M. Chisholm.		{ J. F. Flindall.
	{ W. McKay.	Cartwright	{ R. McQuaid.
Galt	{ A. Shade.	Clarke and	{ G. Low, M.D.
	{ R. C. Nicholson.	Darlington }	{ Nath. Wilson.
Oakville	{ James Beatty.	Peterborough.....	{ James Wallis.
	{ William Pettit.		{ Daniel Griffith.
Georgetown.....	{ W. Paxton, Norval.	Kingston :	
	{ J. Cowen, Trafalg.	St. George's	{ J. A. Henderson.
Guelph.....	{ Dr. Jones, do.		{ Wm. Goodeve.
Elora	{ Wm. H. Parker.	S. James's	{ Neil McLeod.
	{ James Geddes.		{ Capt. Stace, R. N.
Niagara	{ Col. Kingsmill.	Bath.....	{ H. N. Phillips.
	{ F. W. Smith.	Richmond	{ John Sumner.
Grimaby	{ Andrew Pettit.	Belleville.....	{ E. Murney.
	{ Wm. Nixon.		{ J. Breakenridge.
St. Catherines.....	{ George Rykert.	Mohawk	{ J. W. Hill.
	{ H. Mittleberger.	Pictou	{ Robert Nichol.
Louth	{ George P. Ball.	Marysburgh	{ Dr. Whitley.
	{ Dr. Macklem,	Perth	{ Richard Shaw.
Chippawa	{ Chippawa;		{ George Cox.
	{ Dr. Mewburn,	Bytown	{ John Chitty.
	{ Stamford;	Brockville	{ George Crawford.
	{ L. Brokenshaw,		{ Ormond Jones.
	{ Drummondville.	Smith's Falls	{ A. Mathieson.
Thorold	{ W. L. Turvey.		{ W. B. Carroll.
	{ Alex. Keefer.	Prescott	{ Justus S. Merwin.
	{ Robert Spratt,	Merrickville	{ E. H. Whitmarsh.
Port Maitland.....	{ Port Maitland;	Kemptville	{ Joseph Bower.
	{ J. Atkinson,		{ Robert Leslie.
	{ Dunnville.	Travelling Miss. }	{ Benjamin Tett.
Grand River.....	{ Alex. Scobie.	Johnstown. }	
London	{ Thos. C. Dixon.	Cornwall	{ Jas. Dickenson.
	{ L. Lawrason.		{ James Edgar.
Do, Townahip	{ Freeman Talbot.	Osnabruck	{ M. Ross.
St. Thomas	{ Ben. Wilson.	Williamsburgh ..	{ Michael Pillar.
Adelaide	{ William Bray.		{ James Skinner.
Port Burwell	{ W. J. Wallace.	Travelling Miss. }	{ R. D. Fraser.
Port Stanley	{ Samuel Price.	Dundas Co. }	{ A. J. Dixon.
Amherstburgh ...	{ Dr. Hawkins.		
	{ Dr. Dawson.		

The Rev. J. G. GEDDES, Clerical Secretary, read the minutes of the proceedings of the previous meeting.

Moved by Sir ALLAN NAPIER MACNAB, M.P.P., of Hamilton, seconded by the Rev. T. B. FULLER, Rector, Thorold, and Rural Dean of the Niagara Deanery,

1. "That the Bishop, clergy, and laity of the Diocese of Toronto, in Conference assembled, by request of the Lord Bishop, at his Triennial Visitation, holden 1st and 2nd May, 1851, do solemnly protest against the alienation to any secular purpose whatever, of the lands, called Clergy Reserves, originally set apart by Act of 31st Geo. III., cap. 31, and finally sanctioned by 3rd and 4th Victoria, cap. 78, for the maintenance of religion and religious knowledge in the Province; as being opposed to the constitution of the Church of God in every age—at variance with the principles acted upon by all Christian nations—subversive of the recognised rights of British subjects—and in violation of the fidelity and integrity of parliamentary enactments and the decisions of law."—*Carried unanimously.*

Moved by Col. KINGSMILL, of Niagara, seconded by AB-SALOM SHADE, Esq., of Galt,

2. "That no class or condition of persons in this Province can be endangered in estate or conscience by the maintenance of this religious property to its original purpose."—*Carried unanimously.*

Moved by the Hon. GEORGE S. BOULTON, of Cobourg, seconded by the Rev. MICHAEL HARRIS, A.M., Rector, Perth, and Rural Dean of the Bathurst Deanery,

3. "That the maintenance of this property for its original purpose is necessary; because it has been found from experience, that religion cannot be generally diffused or permanently supported, in any country, upon the purely voluntary principle: its maintenance upon this system is proved to be inadequate, even in towns and villages of considerable size; while it is discovered to be wholly impracticable in rural districts,—a large proportion of the inhabitants of which are comparatively poor."—*Carried unanimously.*

Moved by J. H. HAGARTY, Esq., of St. James's Church, Toronto, seconded by the Rev. BENJAMIN CRONYN, M.A., Rector, London, and Rural Dean of the London Deanery,

4. "That in countries where the support of religion is entirely dependent upon voluntary contributions, it does not maintain its proper influence, but is uniformly found, amongst the great mass of the people, to degenerate and decline; and that religious division and animosity increase—erroneous tenets gain strength and prevalence—and infidelity itself spreads to an unwonted extent."—*Carried unanimously.*

Moved by GEO. CRAWFORD, Esq., of Brockville, seconded by EDMUND DEEDES, Esq., of Woodstock,

5. "That this meeting regards the maintenance of the Clergy Reserves to religious uses, according to the intentions of a pious Sovereign expressed in various Acts of Parliament of the United Kingdom, to be one of the best boons and blessings which can be secured to this colony,—as tending to insure, with the Divine favour, the propagation of true religion within its bounds, to the end of time."—*Carried unanimously.*

Moved by EDMUND MURNEY, Esq., of Belleville, seconded by the Rev. HENRY PATTON, Rector, Cornwall, and Rural Dean of the Johnstown Deanery,

6. "That a petition, embodying the views now expressed as the solemn opinion of the Clergy and Laity of the Diocese of Toronto in conference assembled, be presented to the Provincial Parliament during the approaching Session, and be also transmitted to the Queen and other branches of the Imperial Legislature; and that the Venerable the Archdeacon of Kingston, the Venerable the Archdeacon of York, the Rev. B. Cronyn, the Rev. A. Palmer, the Rev. M. Harris, the Rev. H. Patton, Edmund Deedes, Esq., G. Rykert, Esq., J. H. Hagarty, Esq., the Hon. G. S. Boulton, George Crawford, Esq., and J. A. Henderson, Esq., be a Committee to draft the same, subject to the approval of the Lord Bishop of Toronto."—*Carried unanimously.*

Moved by the Rev. A. PALMER, A.B., Rector, Guelph, and Rural Dean of the Gore Deanery, seconded by THOMAS C. DIXON, Esq., of London,

7. "That this Meeting is of opinion that for the more effectual exercise of the discipline of the Church, and the more advantageous management of its temporal affairs, it is expedient and desirable to apply to the Crown for the establishment of a Diocesan Synod or Convocation, consisting of the Laity as well as of the Clergy so as best to meet the requirements of the Church in this Diocese; and that the Committee aforesaid do draft a memorial to the Queen, founded upon the observations upon this subject expressed in the Episcopal charge of the Lord Bishop delivered yesterday."—*Carried unanimously.*

Moved by the Rev. E. J. BOSWELL, Rector, Williamsburgh, seconded by LAURENCE LAWRASON, Esq., of London,

8. "That this meeting desires to express its sense of the paramount duty of connecting religion with secular education; and, in order to carry out this obligation, they deem it to be necessary to petition the Colonial Legislature to permit the establishment of separate Church Schools; and that the assessments ordinarily paid by Churchmen for the support of Common Schools be applied to the maintenance of such as are in connexion with the Church, where such appropriation is practicable and desired; and that the Committee aforesaid be empowered to draft the same."—*Carried unanimously.*

Moved by Sir A. N. MACNAB, M.P.P., of Hamilton, seconded by GEORGE CRAWFORD, Esq., of Brockville,

"That the thanks of this meeting are justly due, and are hereby most cordially tendered, to the Lord Bishop of Toronto, for the extraordinary degree of zeal and energy which he has manifested in the present critical emergency of the Church in this Diocese; and also for the dignified, impartial, and courteous manner in which his Lordship has presided over our deliberations."

This resolution was put to the meeting by the Venerable Archdeacon Stuart, and was carried by the whole assembly rising to testify their approval.

At the suggestion of the LORD BISHOP, it was ordered :

That the thanks of the Clergy and Laity be presented to the Rev. W. H. Herchmer, M.A., for his eloquent Sermon on the first day of the Visitation ; and that, on behalf of the Bishop, the Clergy, and the Laity, he be very respectfully solicited to publish the said Sermon.

The meeting was adjourned by the Lord Bishop, with his benediction.

JOHN TORONTO.

J. GAMBLE GEDDES, *Clerical Secretary.*

JAMES BOVELL, *Lay Secretary.*

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